Saturday, *the* $\frac{\textit{1st August 1942}}{\textit{16th Karkadagam 1117}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble President (A. F. W. DIXON ESQ., C.I.E., I.C.S.) in the Chair.

Messrs. L. M. Pylee, A. B. Salem, Shabdai S. Koder, H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ANCHAL STAMPS—USE OF—HARBOUR AUTHORITIES

41. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government advised the Cochin Harbour Authorities to use our Anchal stamps for their correspondence in Travancore and Cochin;

(*b*) whether this was brought to the notice of Government by the Honourable Member for Nellayi on page 1178 by the way of reply to Question No. 401 of the Legislative Session of 1114 dated 30th March 1939?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—SURVEY OF

42. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government kindly state whether the survey of the Willingdon Island has been completed, and if the answer is in the affirmative, will they state whether land revenue therefrom will be received from 1118 onwards?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Government have not yet undertaken a survey of the Willingdon Island. The question of land tax is still under correspondence.

CONCESSIONS OF RATES ALLOWED BY THE RAILWAY COMPANY TO THE IMPORT OF RICE TO TRAVANCORE THROUGH ALWAYE AND QUILON RAILWAY STATIONS

43. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government made any enquiries to verify the statement made by the Hon'ble Member for Mattancheri on the floor of the House during the last sitting of the last Legislative Session of the Council that the S. I. Railway Company is allowing concessions for the freight for importing rice to Travancore through the Alwaye and Quilon Railway Stations;

(*b*) if the statement is correct, will Government be pleased to inform what steps they have taken to secure the same rate of concessions in railway freight for carrying rice to all the Railway Stations in our State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) and (*b*) It was already stated in the Council that the South Indian Railway Company have given special rates to Alwaye and Quilon. The reason for giving special rates to Alwaye was also stated. As regards Quilon, Government made enquiries and the following information was received from the Railway authorities.—

"A special rate of annas 7 a maund has been quoted for Rice and Paddy in wagon loads from certain stations in the Cauvery Delta to Quilon.

The same special rate is also in force from the same stations to Trichur and Ernakulam Goods. In the case of traffic to Cochin Harbour Terminus the rate per maund is Re. 0—7—3 nclusive of the harbour charge of ps. 3 a maund. An additional condition in regard to booking to these Broad Gauge stations is that the traffic should be consigned in two Meter Gauge Wagon loads or multiples thereof".

LEADING ARTICLE IN THE "MALABAR MAIL"—"RICE AND PRICE CONTROL IN COCHIN"

44. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether their attention has been drawn to a long leading article in English published in the "Malabar Mail" dated 10th Mithunam 1117 on "Rice and Price Control in Cochin"?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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